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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Masakazu Ukita in the above-identified patent application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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S I R:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Species I - Claims 1-8 and 18-24 reading on Figure 1 and Species II - Claims 9-17 and 25-32 reading on Figure 9.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Species I - Claims 1-8 and 18-24 reading on Fig. 1 for further examination. Applicant reserves the right to demonstrate whether an allowed claim is generic to any withdrawn claims.

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